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*City of Fairfax Police Department*

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***The City of Fairfax Police Department's mission is to provide prompt, reliable and professional police services while partnering with the community to reduce crime, solve problems, and enhance public safety.***

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On behalf of the men and women of the City of Fairfax Police Department, I am honored to present this report of our accomplishments in 2012, another year in which the department provided delivery of outstanding police services to the residents, business community and visitors in the City. This report cannot totally encompass all of the excellent work demonstrated by our dedicated employees every day of the year, but does provide illustrative examples of individual, team and department-wide accomplishments. An essential asset to the department is the significant ongoing support we receive from the Mayor and City Council, the City administration and departments, and many organizations representing both the residential and commercial communities of the City. It also is important to

recognize the outstanding cooperation we receive from our fellow professionals in other law enforcement agencies.

Activity trends in 2012 showed some differences from previous years, including a decrease of almost nine percent in reported Part 1 Index Crimes from 2011, and an 11 percent decrease in vandalism incidents, which, while usually not extensive, create an annoyance for both residential and commercial property owners. The department completed a number of successful investigations in 2012. In addition to the remarkable 85.6 percent clearance rate of assigned cases by the Criminal Investigations Division, joint efforts by criminal and traffic investigators resulted in successful outcomes of several serious traffic crash investigations, which are described within this report. Combined traffic and criminal arrests by the department increased by 23 percent in 2012 over 2011. While total vehicle crashes increased by nearly six percent, there was a notable 32 percent decrease in alcohol related crashes. The department's animal control function devoted considerable attention to wildlife concerns in 2012, including public education efforts regarding the presence of coyotes in various areas of the City. Another current problem being addressed by both investigative and crime prevention efforts is the proliferation of fraud schemes and other financial crimes being perpetrated against both the residential and business communities.

The department is indeed fortunate to have successfully recruited and trained a group of new officers whose youth and enthusiasm ideally complement the knowledge and experience of our longer-term employees. In 2013 we will be introducing our "new look" police cruisers. While the delivery vehicle will look different, the professionalism of the officers in it will be at the same exemplary level which the members of this department have traditionally demonstrated. With these outstanding employees, assisted by a dedicated group of community members in our Volunteers in Police Service program, we look forward to continued progress and success in the years ahead.

**Richard J. Rappoport, Colonel**  
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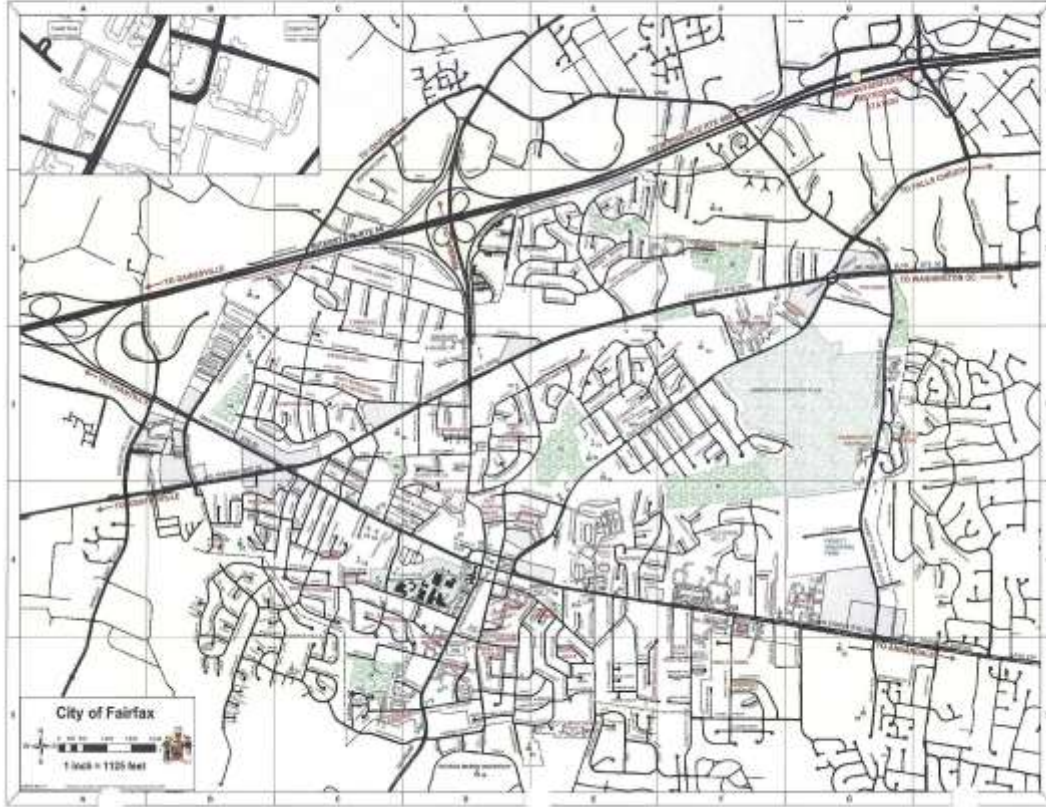
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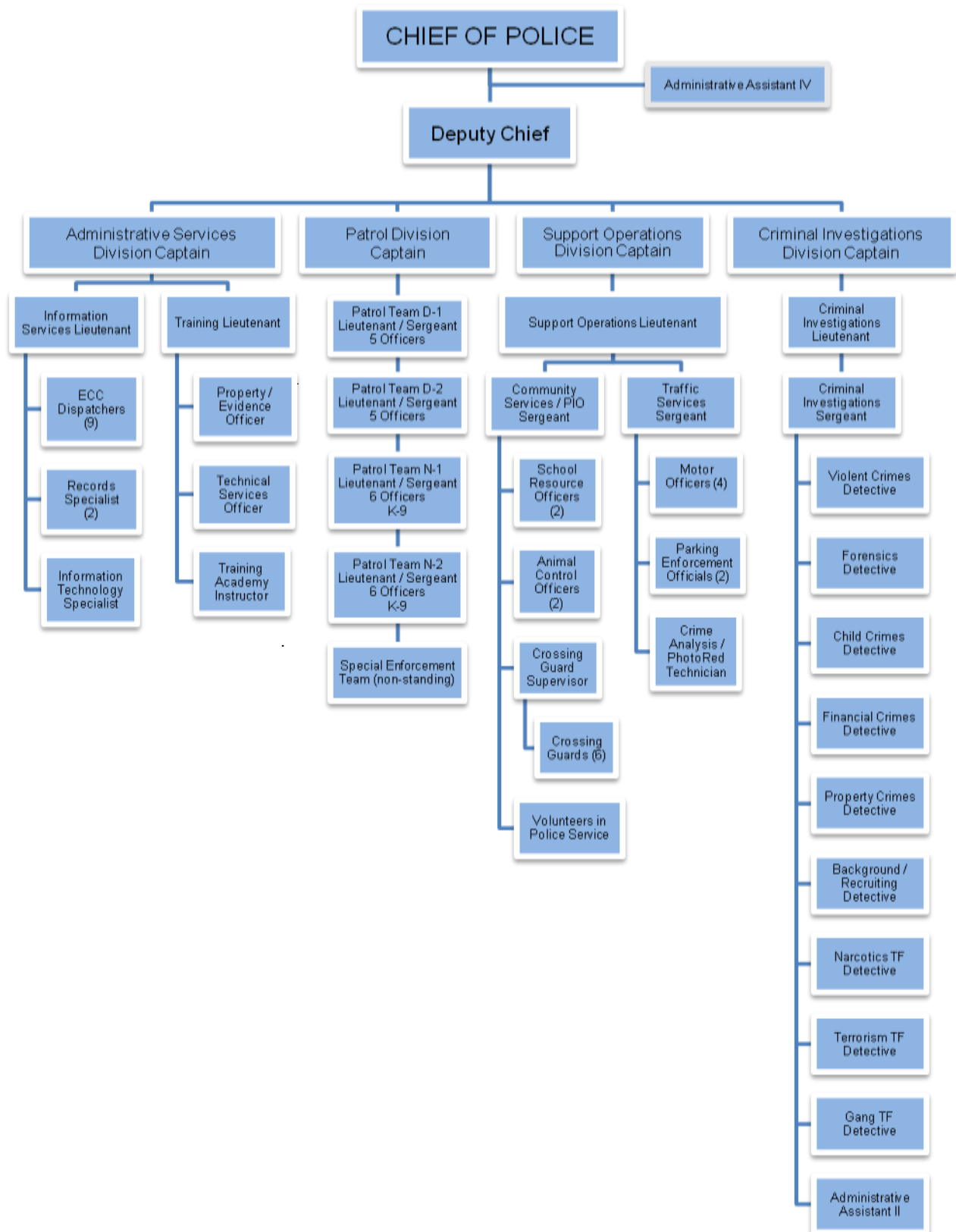
## *City of Fairfax: Crossroads of Activity*



With its strategic location in the midst of growing Northern Virginia and the surrounding National Capital region, the City of Fairfax contains a diversified mix of office-based, retail and service businesses along with more than four dozen residential communities. A major asset to the City is its adjacency to continually expanding George Mason University, whose employees and students are significant contributors to the liveliness and diversity of the community and which offers convenient educational and cultural opportunities to City residents. This combination of features and an effective municipal government earned the City a designation from Forbes Magazine as one of the three best places to live in America in 2009. While it recognizes and cherishes its historic past, the City of Fairfax actively embraces the present and aggressively plans for the future.

As a commercial hub and intersection of several significant roadways, the City of Fairfax attracts thousands of residents and employees beyond its borders who pass through or stop in the City on a daily basis, resulting in a substantial flow of traffic. This along with the regular demands for police services within six very active square miles presents a variety of challenges which the City of Fairfax Police Department meets on a daily basis.

## *City of Fairfax Police Department Organizational Chart*



## *The City of Fairfax Police Department History*



The Town of Fairfax Police Department was established in 1949. It was changed to the City of Fairfax Police Department in 1961.

The police department had four patches prior to the current patch. The first patch was a triangle with "Fairfax Town Police Va." on it. The second patch stated "Fairfax Town Police Va." with a monument and cannon reflecting those standing in front of the historic courthouse in the background. In 1961 the word town was removed from the patch when the town became a city. In 1965 the patch again was changed. It read "Fairfax City Police Virginia" with a cannon and the monument on top of city hall. In 1980, the City of Fairfax Police Department changed the uniform shoulder patch to the current style.

In 1973 the City of Fairfax adopted the City's Coat of Arms, created by the College of Arms in London, England. The crest of the Coat of Arms has a mural crown representing a circular stone wall, which symbolizes a city. On top of the crown is a seated Griffin. The Griffin is half eagle and half lion. The Griffin represents the alliance between America and England, and recalls the founding of the Virginia colony by England. Endowed with strength, it is supposed to act as guardian of the treasures. The Lion in the shield has its feet and claws extended symbolizing the defending of a city. The colors of red, white and blue are those of both England and the United States.

The colonial garbed supporter represents Thomas, the sixth Lord of Fairfax, for whom the City was named. The other supporter of the crest represents a Confederate soldier, Captain John Quincy Marr, who was the first combat death in the battle of Fairfax Courthouse during the Civil War. There is a marker on the courthouse lawn that reminds us of the event and of that part of history of the City of Fairfax.

The motto, "Fare Fac" was used by the Fairfax family and means "speak-do" or "say it and do it".



### **Community Policing Teams**

- The City of Fairfax Police Department has four Community Policing Teams. Each team has two leaders, a lieutenant and a sergeant, who coordinate the efforts of a team of officers.
- Each team is responsible for addressing crime, traffic and other quality of life issues in their assigned team area.
- Citizens can locate their neighborhood on the chart below and communicate directly with the Community Policing Team leader.
- Citizens are encouraged to invite Community Policing Team leaders to community meetings and other events.

<u><b>Area #1</b></u>	<u><b>Area #2</b></u>	<u><b>Area #3</b></u>	<u><b>Area #4</b></u>
Cambridge Station Country Club Hills Fairfax Oaks (Ridge Ave.) Great Oaks Layton Hall Lord Fairfax Estates Mosby Woods Mosby Woods Condominiums	Barristers Keepe Comstock Crestar Fair Oaks Fairview Farrcroft Foxcroft Halemhurst Holly Park Kirkwood Little River Hills Lyndhurst Maple Trace Old Lee Hills Orchard Knolls Ridge Crest Somerset The Boltons Picketts Reserve	Ardmore Aspen Grove Autumn Woods Breckinridge Cameron Glen Canfield Condominiums Chancery Park Chancery Square Courthouse Square Crestmont Fairfax Towne Estates Fairfax Triangle Fairfax West Condominiums Green Acres Limewood Mews Madison Mews Maple Hills Oak Knolls Apartments Olde Fairfax Mews Providence Providence Square Royal Legacy Rustfield The Crossings Tusico Villa (Triangle) Warren Woods – Joyce Heights Windy Hill Wren's Courtyard	Assembly Cavalier Court Churchill Mews Cobbdale Copperfield Square Fairchester Woods Fairfax Heights Gainsborough Court Jermantown Village Oxford Row Warren Woods Westmore

### **Community Policing Area Supervisors**

<b>Area #1 -</b>	<b>Lt. Castillo</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>(703) 385-7848</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:area1@fairfaxva.gov">area1@fairfaxva.gov</a>
<b>Area #2 -</b>	<b>Lt. Poore</b>		<b>(703) 385-7952</b>		<a href="mailto:area2@fairfaxva.gov">area2@fairfaxva.gov</a>
<b>Area #3 -</b>	<b>Lt. Hunt</b>		<b>(703) 273-2553</b>		<a href="mailto:area3@fairfaxva.gov">area3@fairfaxva.gov</a>
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**Current Community Policing Team information is maintained on the City Web page.**  
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## **Recognition of Outstanding Achievement**

Each year the police department recognizes those members who have demonstrated sustained superior performance or displayed outstanding individual action. Nominations may be made by fellow employees, supervisors or citizens. Award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of non-supervisory, supervisory and command level members.

### **2012 Officer of the Year**



#### **Officer Ronnie Lewis**

Officer Ronnie Lewis is being honored for his outstanding performance throughout the year while being assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Lewis has worked many cases during the past year which involved illegal drug activity. The following cases are illustrative of the great investigative work Officer Lewis puts forth toward every case he is assigned. In June, Officer Lewis worked a prescription fraud case that evolved into an identity theft case and his persistence with the available evidence led to the apprehension and charging of a suspect with six felony offenses.

In July, Officer Lewis responded to a call involving a basic complaint of suspicious behavior and with the help of another officer, established a rapport with the subjects. While conversing with them, Officer Lewis was able to observe contraband (heroin) inside the residence and subsequently charged one subject with two felonies and one misdemeanor and charged the other subject with one misdemeanor.

Officer Lewis is well known for his attention to serving outstanding warrants, and based on a tip the department received in August, he made contact with an individual at a residence. Officer Lewis' great interpersonal skills allowed him to determine the wanted suspect was inside, and while entering the house, he observed the suspect trying to hide something. Officer Lewis was able to conclude the suspect was trying to hide marijuana and he was subsequently charge with the original felony warrant and one misdemeanor.

Another area in which Officer Lewis has distinguished himself is that he has maintained his previous certifications as a fire marshal, which he obtained with a previous agency, and is now able to assist the Fire Department in working cases normally only handled by them. With the above mentioned investigative and interpersonal skills, the department was pleased to add him as a Field Training Officer where he will have a profound impact on new officers for years to come.

### **2012 Distinguished Action Awards**



#### **Lieutenant Rory Castillo**

There were three serious accidents that occurred in 2012 where Lt. Rory Castillo, who was assigned to the Motorcycle Squad, was involved with the investigation. The first crash in June resulted in a triple fatal where two young children and their mother were victims. Lt. Castillo responded to the scene and began the painstaking task of not only marking the scene so it could be diagrammed over the next several days, but also beginning the early phases of next of kin notification. Less than a day later, Lt. Castillo was called out for a serious injury hit and run accident, where a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle that fled the scene. Lt. Castillo's diligent reconstruction of the accident scene, thorough evidence collection and his skillful interview technique were essential to the ultimate closure of a difficult and complex case. The driver was eventually located and charged with felony hit and run. Finally, Lt. Castillo responded to another serious hit and run where the pedestrian was killed and the vehicle also fled the scene. With the assistance of other divisions within the department, Lt. Castillo was able to reconstruct the accident scene and that driver, too, was charged with felony hit and run.



#### **Sergeant Kyle Penman**

While assigned as a supervisor in the Patrol Division, Sgt. Kyle Penman has assisted with the Replica Weapons Awareness Program, the License Plate Reader Program (LPR), and the new Field Training Program. After being involved with and hearing about cases involving young adults carrying and using replica weapons, he suggested the department initiate a public awareness campaign to educate the community. With the help of other members of the department, a brochure was created and a regional press conference was held with multiple media outlets present along with police chiefs and sheriffs from throughout the region. Sgt. Penman has also expanded his role with the LPR program, training five members of the department last year, and maintaining contact with many other local, state, and federal agencies. Finally, over three years ago Sgt. Penman started the research into changing the current Field Training Program into a more current and user-friendly version. With the help of multiple members of the department, the program has reached the final stages of development with implementation to begin within the year.



### **Detective Michael Boone**

During the year, there were three significant motor vehicle accidents where members of the Criminal Investigations Division were called upon to assist. Detective Michael Boone was instrumental in each of the investigations, assisting the Crash Reconstruction Team with various aspects of each case. In June, Detective Boone assisted with the triple fatality crash and acted as an important liaison with the medical examiner's office and the lead investigator of the crash. That same month, Detective Boone again assisted the lead investigator with a complex serious injury hit and run crash. Detective Boone provided investigative equipment to help capture statements made by the suspect which placed him behind the wheel of the striking vehicle. These recorded statements assisted with the lead investigator placing felony hit and run charges against the driver. In August, Detective Boone was again called upon to assist with another complex fatal hit and run. Detective Boone assisted with the on scene evidence collection and also responded to another jurisdiction to interview a possible suspect. Detective Boone agreed to take on the role as the lead investigator, which involved a large amount of travel and follow up, and eventually led to the identification of a suspect who was charged with felony hit and run.



### **Detective Trey Leightley**

As previously noted, there were three significant motor vehicle accidents where members of the Criminal Investigations Division were called upon to assist. Detective Trey Leightley was also instrumental in assisting the Crash Reconstruction Team with various aspects of each case. In June, Detective Leightley assisted with the triple fatality crash and performed a forensic examination of the driver's cell phone. This examination helped explain the driver's emotional state shortly before the crash, along with showing how it possibly contributed to the crash. Also in June, Detective Leightley assisted with a serious injury hit and run crash. Once the vehicle was located, Detective Leightley wrote a search warrant and conducted a thorough examination of the vehicle for forensic evidence. Even though there were attempts to repair the vehicle after the crash, Detective Leightley was still able to recover evidence that eventually confirmed that this was the striking vehicle. This evidence assisted the investigators to eventually charge the driver with felony hit and run. In August, Detective Leightley assisted with another crash, which was a fatal hit and run where a pedestrian was killed. Detective Leightley assisted with the initial interviewing of the possible suspect, and he assisted with the forensic examination. Detective Leightley was able to recover a blood sample from the interior of

the vehicle that led to the identification of the driver who was subsequently arrested for felony hit and run.



### **Master Police Officer Danny Poore**

Master Police Officer Danny Poore, who is assigned to the Patrol Division, distinguished himself in two cases he worked last year. In the first case, Officer Poore initiated a traffic stop for a routine red light violation. He made contact with the driver and smelled the odor of marijuana. Officer Poore requested a back-up officer and was able to locate a felony amount of marijuana hidden on the driver. He also located a schedule II narcotic on the subject, along with \$564. Due to his tenacious investigative techniques, the drugs and money were seized, and he subsequently arrested the subject and charged him with two felony charges. In another case, Officer Poore responded to a routine shoplifter call. After gathering information inside, Officer Poore followed the suspects outside and noticed the vehicle the suspects had used to drive to the store. Using great interpersonal skills, he was able to gain consent to search the car where he found a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. While he was on scene investigating the case, the Fairfax County Police reported the vehicle as stolen. Detectives from that jurisdiction responded and it was determined the car and firearm were stolen during a burglary in the county. The extra work Officer Poore put into this routine case led to the closure of a burglary from Fairfax County in which the homeowners had been on vacation, and led to the recovery of their vehicle and firearm.



### **Detective Shawn Sutherland**

Detective Shawn Sutherland works a variety of cases, but mainly fraud cases in his current assignment in the Criminal Investigations Division. However, in December, he was faced with an extremely difficult case involving an alleged sexual assault of a juvenile. The case originated from an out of state agency, and Detective Sutherland worked quickly on the serious issue. While investigating the case, Detective Sutherland interviewed the alleged suspect, who is a close family member to the alleged victims, and was able to quickly establish the accusations were false. Detective Sutherland continued to investigate the case and was able to convince the complainant to travel from a great distance to the City of Fairfax. Detective Sutherland was able to interview the suspect and ultimately determine that the complainant had in fact fabricated the alleged assault and coerced the young alleged victims to recite certain events. While coming to the conclusion that the case was false, Detective Sutherland was

able to not only charge the original complainant, but also to clear the name of the original alleged suspect of any wrong doing. Detective Sutherland's persistence in this case helped restore the family's faith in one of its most trusted members.

### **2011 Distinguished Service Awards**

#### **Master Police Officer Dave Sharp**

MPO Sharp is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and is a Special Deputy US Marshal/Task Force Officer assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). He began his law enforcement career in 1985 and has served in the Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigations Division (Narcotics and current Task Force Assignment). MPO Sharp is the department's lead firearms instructor and not only ensures the entire department qualifies with their firearms twice a year, but also assists officers in the academy with their firearms training. MPO Sharp is qualified as a sniper on the Emergency Services Team (EST). MPO Sharp has been committed to serving and protecting the City for over the past 28 years and continues to do so from his current assignment with the FBI.



#### **Master Police Officer Lynn Coulter**

MPO Coulter is currently assigned as the department's Property and Evidence Officer. She began her law enforcement career with the City of Fairfax Police Department in 1987 and served in the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions. She is a member of the Honor Guard and Hostage Negotiation Team and has the responsibility of assisting the Public Information Officer when necessary. MPO Coulter has an associate's degree in administration of justice and participates in ongoing training in property and evidence management.

She is a co-founder and president of the recently formed Virginia Association of Property and Evidence Professionals which provides research and education related to the property and evidence function. MPO Coulter has been involved in assisting the department with the Chiefs Challenge, which placed statewide and nationally in 1999 and 2001, and she developed a pamphlet to give out to individuals who request the department's police patch. The pamphlet contains the history of the department and all of the accompanying patch changes over the years. In January 2012, MPO Coulter assisted the Middleburg Police Department in reorganizing, sorting and inventorying their evidence room according to state regulations. MPO Coulter's attention to detail and knowledge of applicable laws and procedures along with her integrity and professionalism demonstrate a commitment to the highest level of public service.



### *2012 Citizen Complaint and Use of Force Data*

In 2012, as in many previous years, the employees of the City of Fairfax Police Department received substantially more commendations than complaints from the citizens to whom they provided service. The department received 67 formal commendations and 13 citizen complaints.

All complaints the Police Department receives regarding its employees are thoroughly investigated by the agency. Of the 13 complaints received from citizens in 2012, two were determined to be sustained and resulted in corrective action. Four complaints were resolved after initial inquiries revealed there was no reasonable suspicion of employee misconduct. In four cases, the officer was exonerated of wrongdoing, and in three cases there was insufficient evidence for a conclusive determination. The investigations frequently revealed that the complaints were the result of misunderstanding of what constitute proper police procedures in various circumstances.

In addition to investigating complaints received from citizens the department self-initiated 44 investigations related to employee conduct in 2012, an increase from the 40 self-initiated cases investigated in 2011. Twelve of the 2012 investigations involved motor vehicle accident investigations where department members clearly were not at fault. Six at-fault accidents were investigated and disciplinary action was imposed. Nine of the 44 cases involved use-of-force investigations, which the department initiates any time a police weapon is used or a person being taken into custody is injured. Eleven investigations were self-initiated by supervisors who found no evidence of employee misconduct. The remaining 18 internal cases resulted from efforts taken by supervisors to address misconduct, hold employees accountable for their actions or correct employee performance. All of these investigations resulted in disciplinary action against the employee.

The department received a total of 13,842 calls for service. This total does not include the number of concerns that supervisors received by e-mail, telephone or personal contact. Officers conducted 10,232 traffic stops, issued 11,436 traffic summonses, gave over 3,551 warnings, worked 1,645 traffic accidents and made 1,377 criminal arrests. The total of recorded police/citizen contacts during the year was 27,373. The 2012 ratio of citizen/police contacts to the number of citizen complaints received was one complaint for every 2,106 contacts. This number does not include the countless interactions officers had with the public during routine contacts which were not documented.

In the more than 938 in-custody arrests made in 2012, there were only 37 cases where suspects resisted arrest and officers applied physical control techniques. Ten suspects sustained minor injuries and two officers received injuries during arrests. Of the persons arrested in 2012, 46 percent were found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the arrest, a decrease from 48 percent in 2011.

*A citizen complaint/concern form can be completed on-line in the Police Department section of the City of Fairfax web site ([www.fairfaxva.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/police)). Citizens also may make complaints in person at Police Headquarters, 3730 Old Lee Highway, or by telephone to (703) 385-7900.*

### **2012 Survey Shows Continued Citizen Approval**

The City of Fairfax Police Department continues to use citizen surveys as a way to ensure quality services are being provided to the community. The surveys gather important information regarding the public's satisfaction with the overall performance of the agency and the competency of individual employees. The surveys also provide qualitative measures regarding citizen perceptions of employee attitudes and behaviors at the time that police services were rendered. The annual survey provides citizens with the opportunity to express their concerns regarding safety and security within the City of Fairfax and offer recommendations and suggestions for improvement. It also allows citizens to assist in the department's strategic planning process by making suggestions that might improve the quality of life in the community.

The results of the 49 surveys returned of the 187 mailed out in 2012 were largely positive. All 49 citizens who returned the survey reported that their initial contact with the police dispatcher was polite and professional. Typical examples of positive feedback from contacts with officers included: "The officer was very courteous;" "Thanks for your good service." A school principal reported that he has had many dealings with City police officers and "they all have been helpful and genuinely concerned for the students' safety." Suggestions offered by citizens who completed the survey were to increase the number of traffic enforcement cameras at busy intersections, enforce pedestrian crossing violations, and to patrol more in apartment complexes.

The results of the survey are shared with all members of the department. The objective of sharing citizen input is to remind both the management team and officers of the importance of maintaining high levels of service and the continued goal of improving police services.

## **Serving the Profession Outside of the City**

By assuming leadership roles in professional organizations and training, members of the department share their experience and abilities with others in law enforcement, thereby both assisting other agencies and individuals and enhancing the reputation of the department within the law enforcement profession.



**Captain Laura Kenyon**

Captain Laura Kenyon, who is currently the Criminal Investigations Division Commander, has been a member of the City of Fairfax Police Department for more than 25 years. Captain Kenyon is a 2002 graduate of the FBI National Academy. She has served on the Virginia FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) state board for the last five years. Chapter officers serve in leadership positions

as volunteers, giving significant amounts of their personal time throughout the year to the Chapter and Associations business. The FBI National Academy Associates is recognized globally among government leaders, law enforcement agencies and community leaders as a premier provider of law enforcement expertise, training, education and information. The mission of each state chapter of the FBINAA is to provide the membership with opportunities for continuing education, training, professional development, peer networking, and research in law enforcement disciplines, which promotes improved leadership, cooperation, services, efficiencies and higher standards of professional conduct in all levels of law enforcement throughout the world. The Association's 48 Chapters (44 domestic and four international) are the heart and soul of the FBI National Academy Associates.



**Lieutenant Jeff Hunt**

Lieutenant Jeff Hunt, who is currently assigned to the Patrol Division, is the lead defensive tactics instructor for the department. While in that role, he helped develop and has led the Active Shooter / Rescue Task Force training at the George Mason University-Fairfax Campus that was recently televised on national news. During this training, hundreds of police and firefighters attended and worked together. The goal of the training focused not only on active shooter situations, but also

on how to “rescue” those in need while the active shooter event is still in the early stages. By combining multiple agencies and multiple disciplines, the training allowed for

everyone to work as a cohesive unit to better prepare and plan for the future to ultimately save lives. Lieutenant Hunt now teaches the Officer Rescue and High Risk Stops sections of the Basic Police Officer training over a six day period at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.



### **Master Police Officer Jeff Bruggeman**

Master Police Officer Jeff Bruggeman has been a Police Officer with the City of Fairfax since 1989. He is currently assigned to Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, where he is a Basic Training Instructor and the Academy Range Master. He also instructs Active Shooter, Reality Based Training, and Defensive Tactics courses.

When MPO Bruggeman took over the position in 2011, he immediately looked for areas that needed improvement or updating. He identified seven areas in the firearms training on which he had an immediate impact. These areas included discontinuing training on outdated stances, introducing the importance of one handed reloads, incorporating edge weapon drills, no longer allowing “breaks” for shooter error malfunctions during qualifications, moving the shotgun course out to 25 yards, and making it mandatory to shoot with ballistic vests and duty style equipment during training and qualifications. Each change MPO Bruggeman instituted was based on his vast experience and with the ultimate goal not only to help each recruit learn how to shoot better, but also to possibly protect their or someone else’s life one day.

MPO Bruggeman changed the Reality Based Training (RBT) from airsoft (soft pellets) to simunitions which are similar to small paintballs that allow feedback to the recruit and more realistic weapon handling. The RBT was changed to the driving track where there were multiple scenarios utilizing vehicles and a “shoot house” style environment.

Finally, MPO Bruggeman introduced further Active Shooter training which included the use of tourniquets, officer rescue, shield use, vehicle assaults, and building clearing techniques with an emphasis on stairway clearing. In the short time MPO Bruggeman has been at the NVCJA he has made numerous positive changes that have ensured that not only this department’s members, but also the members from other agencies receive the best and most current training available.

**Master Police Officer Lynn Coulter**, who was previously mentioned in the Distinguished Service section, also represents the department in an outside capacity. With the help of the DFS Forensic Evidence Manager, in 2011, she helped organized a small group of fellow P & E professionals and started the newly formed Virginia



Association of Property & Evidence Professionals (VAPEP). As president and cofounder of the VAPEP, she met with the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of the Chiefs of Police to become an affiliate organization of the VACP.

**Detective Trey Leightley**, who was also previously mentioned in the Distinguished Action section, also represents the department in an outside capacity. Detective Leightley is currently sponsored by the Immigration Enforcement Agency (ICE), where he provides computer forensic examinations to numerous other state, local, and federal agencies.





## *Crash Reconstruction in 2012*



The City of Fairfax Police Department's Motor Squad worked three serious crashes in 2012. The Crash Reconstruction Team worked a two vehicle triple fatal crash, a serious injury hit and run involving a pedestrian, and fatal hit and run involving a pedestrian. The cases, along with their intensive investigative work, were detailed in the previous pages.

The Team consists of the members of the Motor Squad who have received extensive training in not only the use of the equipment, but also the concepts involved with accident investigation and reconstruction. Common courses taken by the team involving more than 100 hours of instruction include:

- Basic Accident Investigation
- Advanced Accident Investigation
- Accident Reconstruction

Members of the team can also take more specialized courses that focus on:

- Pedestrian Accident Investigation
- Motorcycle Accident Investigation
- Occupant Kinematics
- Data Recovery/Event Data Recorders

The Reconstruction Team uses the Sokkia SET 530r, which is commonly referred to as a "Total Station", to digitally map scenes. The equipment is similar to what land surveyors use and involves a tripod mounted device (theodolite), which has a plug-in data collector (palm held device). While one officer adjusts the unit and aims to pre-determined points, another officer holds an adjustable pole which has a reflective prism on it. The data that is collected is then transferred to a computer program that plots the points in a diagram for court use, further investigative use, and can be used in criminal cases to document other types of crime scenes.



## *New Cruisers, Same Service*

In 2012, the department began the final phase of selecting new cruisers, since the Ford Motor Company discontinued production of the Ford Crown Victoria-Police Interceptor. There were many makes and models available, with each of the major automakers offering newer versions of police package vehicles.

During the process of choosing the next generation of police vehicles in the City, several members of the department went to various locations to test drive and put the vehicles through rigorous testing. Areas of importance considered during the selection process were:

- Size of the cruiser, which broke down into several sub-categories
  - Cabin space for officers and their gear
  - Cabin space once computers, shotguns/rifles were added
  - Cabin space once emergency equipment and police radios were added
  - Rear seat space, which included enough room for suspects once a safety cage was added and trunk equipment
- The vehicle's performance capabilities, from engine size to handling to fuel economy
- The ability to add on exterior emergency equipment, light bars, etc.
- The overall cost of the vehicle and the vehicle maintenance cost over the years

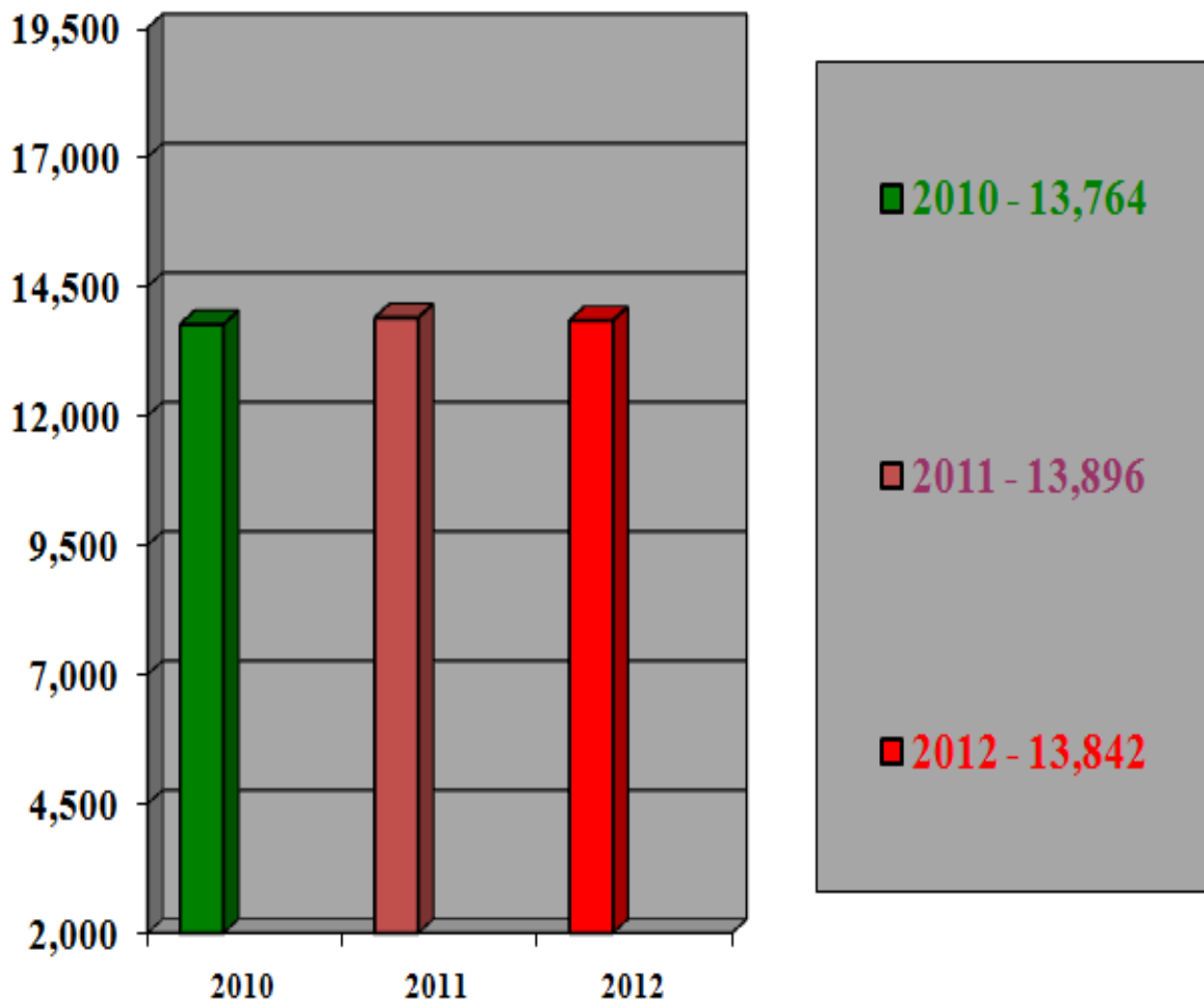


Once all of the testing and price comparisons were completed, the department chose the Chevrolet Caprice Police Patrol Vehicle. Several marked cruisers are being placed into service and several unmarked vehicles are also being added. The cruisers are a mixture of V-6 and V-8 engine platforms, and they offer the best possible configurations for the department.

While the cruisers were being purchased, each officer in the department had a voice in choosing the exterior markings. Once the final designs were chosen, the members were extremely proud of their look but want the public to know, that while the look has changed, **the agency is still the same community service oriented department to which everyone is accustomed!**

## ***Calls for Police Service: 2010 – 2012***

- *Calls for police service decreased by 54 calls (0.4%) in 2012. These numbers do not include the number of emails, telephone calls, or walk in complaints that were received by supervisors.*
- *As part of its community policing philosophy the Department strives toward efficient community policing and encourages the community to call the police about any suspicious activity.*



## *Crimes by Type*

Selected Part 1 Index Crimes			
	2010	2011	2012
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	3	4	4
Robbery	10	12	8
Aggravated Assault	13	16	10
Burglary	26	38	30
Larceny	507	515	470
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	13	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>546</b>
Other Offenses			
	2010	2011	2012
Vandalism	175	213	189
Hate Crime	1	2	1
Hate Incident	0	0	0
Trespassing	29	28	35

Disclaimer: These statistics are compiled and categorized using standards set by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program and represent the most updated information at the time this report was published.

## *Index Crime Clearances*

Selected Part 1 Index Crime Clearances			
	2010	2011	2012
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	33.3%	75.0%	75.0%
Robbery	30.0%	16.7%	62.5%
Aggravated Assault	46.2%	56.3%	90.0%
Burglary	19.2%	29.0%	46.7%
Larceny	27.6%	24.7%	29.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	20.0%	7.7%	33.3%

## *Criminal Investigations Division*

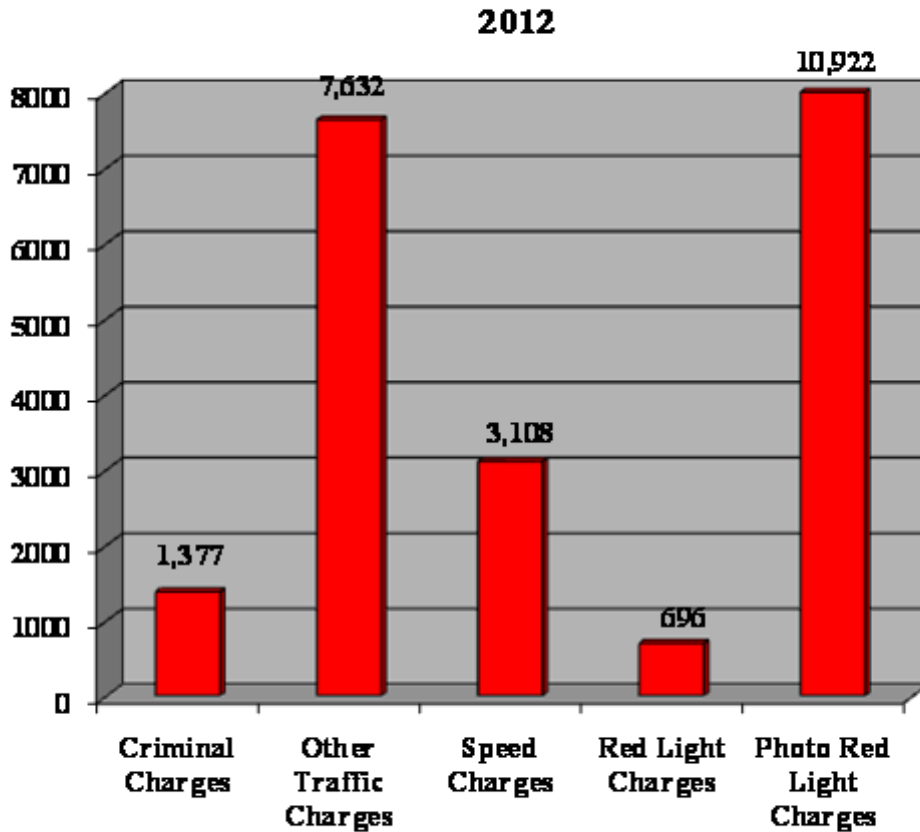
The Criminal Investigations Division investigates a large number of Part I index crimes and also investigates a number of Part II index crimes such as forgery, fraud, identity theft, embezzlement, vice offenses, and offenses against family and children.

Criminal Investigations Division clearance rate of assigned cases			
	2010	2011	2012
No. of cases assigned	240	169	201
No. of cases cleared	171	130	172
Pct. of cases cleared	71.3%	76.9%	85.6%



## **Enforcement Activities**

The primary responsibilities of the Patrol Division and Support Operations Division are to respond to reported criminal activities, conduct motor vehicle accident investigations and maintain consistent enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. These enforcement activities help to maintain and promote highway safety for motorists and pedestrians alike and also serve to maintain the City's excellent quality of life for its residents and its business community.



Arrests	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Other Traffic	7,460	7,995	7,632	-4.5%
Speeding	3,466	3,564	3,108	-12.8%
Red Light	571	596	696	+16.8%
Criminal	1,242	1,255	1,377	+9.7%
Total	12,739	19,261	23,735	+23.2%

Photo Red Light	N/A	5,851*	10,922	N/A
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\*Program was reinstated in August 2011



## *City of Fairfax Police Department Safe Neighborhoods*

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The Safe Neighborhoods traffic enforcement program was established in response to growing concerns about the volume of traffic and the number of traffic violations occurring in City neighborhoods. In addition to increased neighborhood enforcement, the Safe Neighborhoods program also uses the Police Department's two SpeedWatch trailers to remind motorists to observe residential speed limits. Locations are assigned from current and previous citizen concerns and officer input.

### **Residential Traffic Enforcement**

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
<b>Number of Locations:</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Number of hours:</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Speeding Charges:</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>Other Charges:</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>447</b>
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>91</b>

### **Deployments:**

<b>SpeedWatch Trailers:</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Marked Decoy Vehicle:</b>	<b>N/A*</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>130</b>

\*Vehicle not available in 2010

## **Motor Vehicle Crashes**

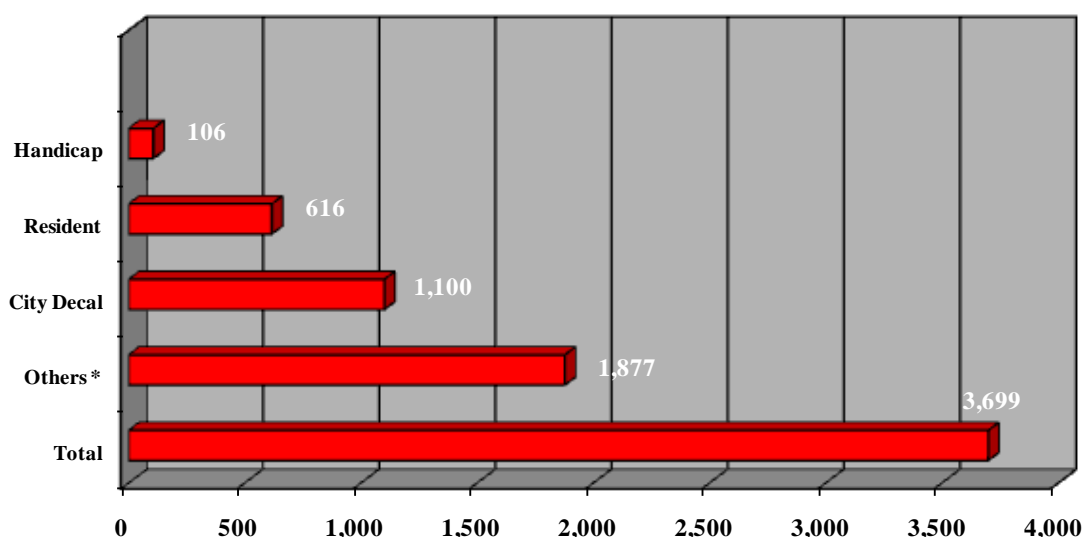
Type	2010	2011	2012	Change
Fatal Accidents	0	2	2	No Change
Injury Accidents	152	162	167	+5 +3.1%
Property Damage Accidents	584	540	533	-7 -1.3%
Total Reportable Accidents	736	704	702	-2 -0.3%
Non-Reportable	652	665	735	+70 +10.5%
Hit & Run	168	187	208	+21 +11.2%
<b>Total All Accidents*</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>+89 +5.7%</b>
Accident Charges	612	588	614	+26 +4.4%
<b>*Includes Reportable, Non-Reportable and Hit &amp; Run.</b>				
Alcohol Related Accidents	31	37	25	-12 -32.4%
DUI Charges	212	206	189	-17 -8.3%

*A non-reportable accident is defined as an accident with less than \$1,500 of combined property damage and no personal injuries. Accidents which occur on private property also are considered non-reportable.*

## *Parking Enforcement Activity*

The Department employs one fulltime and one part-time Parking Enforcement Official (PEO). Their responsibilities include parking enforcement and handling inoperable motor vehicle cases. In 2012, the PEOs handled 13 inoperable vehicle cases and issued a total of 3,699 parking summonses.

**Types of Parking Summonses Issued - 2012**



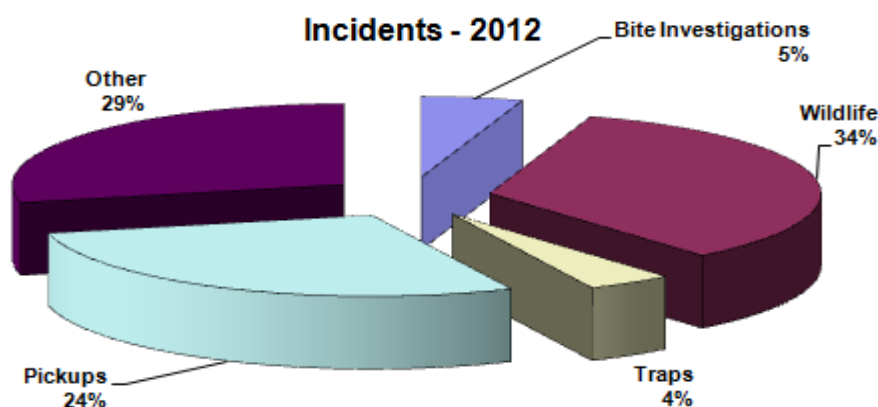
**Parking Summonses Issued by Type**

	2010	2011	2012
Handicap	161	86	106
Residential Permit Violations	779	800	616
City Decal	1,091	1,215	1,100
Others *	2,269	2,179	1,877
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>3,699</b>

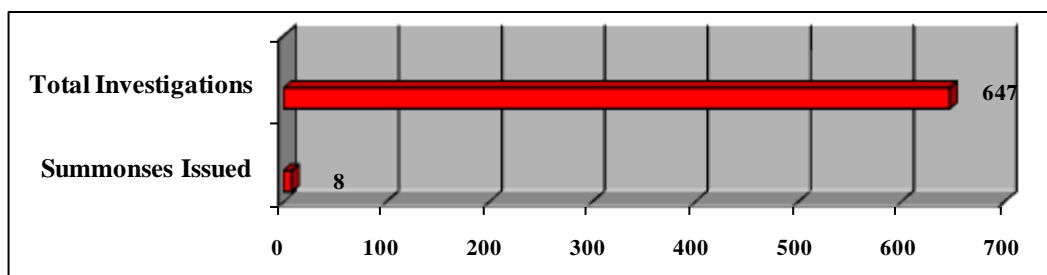
\* Others includes parking in a fire lane, parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zone, no valid state registration or inspection displayed, parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and all others.

## *Animal Control Activity*

The Department employs one full time and one part-time Animal Control Officer who ensure public safety and the peaceful coexistence of residents, pets and wildlife. In 2012, they handled 647 cases.



### **Investigations and Summonses - 2012**



Animal Control Summary			
	2010	2011	2012
<b>Incidents</b>			
Pickups	119	165	183
Traps	29	50	27
Wildlife	197	222	220
Bite Investigations	37	39	32
Other	193	217	185
<b>Summonses Issued</b>	24	32	8
<b>Total Investigations</b>	575	693	647



## *Transitioning to the future.....*





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